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July 14, 2014

VIA FEDEX

Mr. Sebastian Rucci 40 The Ledges, Suite 3C Poland, OH 44514

Re: <u>Hotel California</u>

Dear Mr. Rucci:

It has been reported that you plan to use the name "Hotel California" for your hotel.

Although there are almost an infinite number of possible names for hotels, Hotel California is in the small category of names that is not available to you.

Mr. Rick Butler, our client, is the owner of the registered federal trademark to "Hotel California."

Accordingly, your use of "Hotel California" for its hotel violates federal law. 15 U.S.C. §§ 1114, 1125(a)(1).

Mr. Butler's remedies include your profits from the hotel; Mr. Butler's damages; up to three times Mr. Butler's damages; and, in an exceptional case, Mr. Butler's attorney fees. See 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a). Mr. Butler is also entitled an injunction. 15 U.S.C. §1116(a).

An individual can be held personally liable for an entity's trademark infringement and unfair competition under the Lanham Act if the individual is a moving, active conscious force behind the entity's infringement.

In light of the above, please immediately cease and desist from all uses of the "Hotel California" for the name of your hotel.

Litigation is time-consuming and expensive and parties should attempt to avoid it whenever possible. Accordingly, please sign the bottom of this

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| letter acknowledging that you w "Hotel California." In return, Mr. | | |
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| | Very truly yours, JEFFREY K. RIFFER Elkins Kalt Weint Gartside LLP | traub Reuben |
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| IT IS SO AGREED. | | |
| Sebastian Rucci | _ | |
| Dated: | | |